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FM AMEMBASSY OTTAWA  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 4205  
INFO AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

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EO 11652: N/A  
TAGS: PGOV, CA, SV  
SUBJECT: SOVIETS WARNED ABOUT QUESTIONABLE ACTIVITIES OF  
NAVAL ATTACHE

REF: A. OTTAWA 6474 B. OTTAWA 1029 C. OTTAWA 4892 DEC 76

1. JULY 21 PRESS REPORTS THAT SOVIET NAVAL ATTACHE, LT. CMDR. VALERIE SMIRNOV (SMIRNOV IN FACT IS ASST. NAVAL ATTACHE), BOUGHT NONCLASSIFIED INDUSTRIAL INFORMATION FROM A SCIENTIST AT BELL NORTHERN RESEARCH LTD. IN OTTAWA. REPORTS NOTED THAT SMIRNOV, WHO PRESENTLY ON HOME LEAVE, HAD NOT BEEN DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA BUT THAT SOVIET CHARGE D'AFFAIRES HAD BEEN CALLED TO MIN OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (EXTAFF) AND WARNED THAT SMIRNOV MUST CEASE SUCH ACTIVITIES IF AND WHEN HE RETURNS FROM LEAVE. EXTAFF MIN JAMIESON REPORTEDLY NOTED SMIRNOV ACTIONS WERE CLOSE TO INDUSTRIAL ESPIONAGE AND 'IT WAS THE KIND OF THING THAT WE TOLD THEM (THE SOVIETS) HE SHOULDN'T BE ENGAGED IN'.

2. RCMP SPOKESMAN NOTED THAT THE BELL SCIENTIST HAD COME TO THE RCMP 16 MONTHS AGO TO REPORT SMIRNOV OVERTURES AND THAT MATTER HAD BEEN MONITORED SINCE THAT TIME.

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3. COMMENT: THIS CASE IS LATEST IN SERIES OF SOVIET INTELLIGENCE EXERCISES ON WHICH GOC HAS BLOWN WHISTLE. SOVIET ASST. AIR ATTACHE WAS DECLARED PERSONA NON GRATA LAST DECEMBER (REF C) AND SOVIET EXCHANGE SCIENTIST WAS DEPORTED LAST FEBRUARY (REF B). WE BELIEVE GOC'S RELATIVELY MILD TREATMENT OF SMIRNOV CASE REFLECTS TWO CONSIDERATIONS: PM TRUDEAU'S FOREIGN POLICY ADVISOR IVAN

HEAD WAS IN MOSCOW AT TIME GOC DECIDED TO MOVE ON SMIRNOV  
MATTER AND CANADIAN DESIRE TO TREAD LIGHTLY BEFORE POSSIBL-  
E TRUDEAU VISIT TO MOSCOW (REF A). FURTHER DETAILS OF  
THIS INCIDENT REPORTED SEPARATE CHANNELS. ENDERS

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